

Funds will benefit Athens, Gallia, Jefferson, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, and Washington counties.

Washington D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that more than \$2.6 million in federal grants have been awarded in Ohio's 6th District.

Marietta College will receive \$883,939 under the Department of Health and Human Services' Training in Primary Care Grants Program. The funds will be used for primary care in both medicine and dentistry, as well as physician assistant training in primary care. According to the agency, the program will support a broad range of medical practices and will expand "curriculum and faculty development, community-based education, and training in underserved areas" for graduate level students using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Humility of Mary Health Partners in Youngstown will receive \$284, 457 under the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') Equipment for State of the Art Learning Grants Program. The program is designed to aid with purchasing equipment for training that was previously unaffordable or to replace obsolete equipment. They will also receive \$134, 382 under an HHS grant program to support Oral Health Workforce Activities. The funds will be used for postdoctoral training in general, pediatric, and public health dentistry and dental hygiene.

"This is over a million dollars that will be used to improve the health care systems at home," Wilson said.

The city of Steubenville will receive \$809, 394 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The department says the funds will be used to further develop the city and increase the availability of affordable housing and economic opportunities for people of moderate and minimal means.

The Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District has been approved for \$193, 884 by the Department of Commerce (DOC). This will cover well over half the anticipated total cost of \$242, 355 for the project, which will establish an economic development strategy as well as create jobs for eight counties including Athens, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, and Washington counties.

Ohio University will receive \$160,000 from the Department of Energy (DOE) for their research foundation. The funds will be directed towards microscopy studies of nanoscale, magnetic and atomic systems.

Finally, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) approved \$204,000 for Holzer Consolidated Health Systems for their Regional Medical Imaging System. According to the ARC, the funds will be used to help Holzer purchase equipment for a picture archiving and communication system for their Gallipolis facility.

ARC also approved \$100,000 for Ohio University for energy efficiency and renewable energy services. According to ARC, the funds will create 20 new jobs.

“All together, that’s nearly \$2.7 million of federal investment headed home,” Wilson said. “These funds will help create jobs and aid with research and services that will benefit communities up and down the Ohio River.”

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